

# NORTH BERWICK LOCAL PLACE PLAN



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The North Berwick Local Place Plan has been produced by the community for the community. It has not been prepared by East Lothian Council.

It is a new type of plan (introduced by the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019) giving communities the opportunity to create proposals for the development and use of land in their place, enabling communities to focus on their aspirations as well as their needs. While Local Place Plans may touch upon any issue that relates to a particular place, the core focus is the development and use of land.

A Local Place Plan must fulfil a particular set of criteria in order to be considered valid by a planning authority (in our case East Lothian Council) who are then obliged by law to register it and take it into account when producing a Local Development Plan and treat it as a material consideration in decisions on planning applications.

In late 2023 North Berwick Community Council along with North Berwick Trust, North Berwick Harbour Trust, NB Heritage and North Berwick Youth Project commissioned Planning Aid Scotland to work with the community to produce a Local Place Plan for North Berwick.

Work took place during 2024 with extensive community consultation early in the year to identify priorities, and further consultation on a draft Local Place Plan in late summer, all as required by Scottish Government Regulations. Following this the final version of the North Berwick Local Place Plan was submitted to East Lothian Council and formally registered by them in February 2025.

All of this means that the North Berwick Local Place Plan meets the necessary criteria and East Lothian Council has to take it into account in their work on the next Local Development Plan. They do not have to slavishly follow it, but they will have to demonstrate how it has been taken into account. The opportunity is there for the Council to take a more nuanced and locally informed position on policies and proposals for individual communities within East Lothian rather than have blanket policies that apply to the whole area.

You can view our Local Place Plan and associated documents [here](#).

It is **your** Local Place Plan, so please use it and refer to it e.g:

- If you are making or commenting on a planning application.
- When the Council consults on the next East Lothian Local Development Plan.
- Appendix 2 contains a list of nearly 400 non-spatial ideas submitted during the consultation process for the Local Place Plan, so its worth looking at this and referring to it when bringing forward any other projects or funding applications.